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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SACOG 1996/97 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 3

We have completed our review of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) Amendment No. 3 to its 1996/97 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) submitted with your letter dated April 3, 1997.

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this SACOG TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §51.460 and §93.134].

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The actions documented in this amendment do not affect the conformity determination for the 1996/97 FTIP. Therefore, we find this FTIP to be in conformity with the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of SACOG's TIP Amendment No. 3 into California's 1996-97 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects contained in the STIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator
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Division Administrator
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